

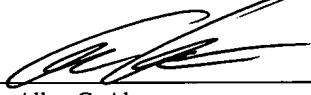
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Applicants: Kai Su et al. Examiner: Padgett, Marianne L.
Serial No.: 10/712,704 Group Art Unit: 1762
Filed: November 13, 2003 Docket No.: 60049.0006USU1
Title: Protective Coatings and Methods of Applying and Using the Same

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 23, 2004. In that Action, the Examiner has restricted the application and has required an election between the following groups: Group 1 comprising Claims 1-23, directed to a method of pad printing a coating of curable protective coating; Group 2 comprising Claims 25-34, directed to a curable protective coating, cured or uncured, optionally including Claim 24 depending on claim construction; and Group 3 comprising Claim 24, if drawn to a coating composition with at least an adhesion promoter, a polymerizable material and a polymerization initiator, volatile material <20 wt. %. Applicants elect Group 1 with traverse and, accordingly, elect Claims 1-23.

Additionally, the Examiner has restricted Group 1 to the following three species comprising substrate surfaces to be coated: Species 1 comprising plastic or polymeric, Species 2 comprising metal, and Species 3 comprising glass. The Examiner has identified Claims 1-4, 7,

11-12, 14, 16-17, 20-22, and 24-26 as generic. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, Species 1, comprising plastic or polymeric substrate surfaces to be coated.

Applicants await an action on the merits.

No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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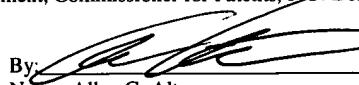
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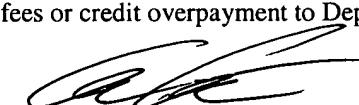
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